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Connor is now memorialized in life-size bronze at Fort Douglas, the center of recent ceremonies that dedicated the Fort Douglas historical park. His statue faces the mountains — no one seems to know exactly why — instead of the valley where he once reportedly “trained his cannon on the Beehive House.”

I used the story as the prime example of what I call the first cold war in the West. Connor's cannon was some three miles from the Beehive House. Its effective range was a mile to a mile and a half. It couldn't reach the Beehive House, and Connor knew it. So did the Mormons. They didn't admit they knew it, but used the remark in their counteroffensive in the war of words against Connor. It was a cold war, touched off in part by the cannon story.

In another cannon incident, the booming of the latter at Fort Douglas brought the Nauvoo Legion swarming to defend Salt Lake City and the Beehive House from a feared attack. The commotion was Fort Douglas soldiers celebrating Connor's promotion to brigadier general after his victory at the Battle of Bear River north of Franklin, Idaho. Here, in one of the most vicious Indian-white battles in the West, Fort Douglas troops wiped out an entire Shoshone village. Historians today, and Hubert Howe Bancroft in 1890, call it a massacre in reverse. The Mormons had no part in it, except for Porter Rockwell acting as Connor's guide.

But Connor played a large part in Utah's civilian history, as well as its military history. He left the Army and became involved in mining, earning the undisputed title of “father of Utah mining.” He played a prominent role in Utah politics, taking a leading part in the formation of the non-Mormon Liberal Party, the first legitimate and official opposition to the Mormon People's Party.

Patrick Edward Connor is buried in the Fort Douglas cemetery.

Speakers at the recent ceremonies met head-on the initial bitterness between Connor and the Mormons, but pointed out that Fort Douglas became an economic and community asset to Salt Lake City and was eventually held in high esteem. Its military band was touted as the “best west of the Rockies,” and played at numerous community events. The 38th “Rock of the Marne” Infantry, one of the most famous of the U.S. Army in World War I, was stationed there. The first black soldiers to be stationed in Salt Lake City, the 24th Infantry, were cheered on their way to, and their return from, the Spanish-American War by Salt Lake citizens. (The first black troops to be stationed in Utah were the 9th Cavalry at Fort Duchesne.)

Patrick Edward Connor contributed much to Utah. His early dislike of Brigham Young and the Mormons plainly mellowed in his later years. He did much to develop the territory's mining industry. He helped establish an effective two-party political system. He founded Utah's first daily newspaper. It was the Union Vedette (French for sentinel on horseback) started at Fort Douglas in 1863 and turned into a daily in 1864. (The Deseret News, Utah's first newspaper, was begun in 1850, but didn't go daily until 1867.)

Patrick Edward Connor (it was O'Connor until he joined the army as a young man and shortened it) deserves the statue.

PROVO — Ruth Brasher, professor of home economics at Brigham Young University, will speak Thursday on various elements that contribute to a successful family.

"Professional Excellence of the Successful Family" is the topic of her lecture at 7:30 p.m. in the Wilkinson Center Ballroom, sponsored by the YU Family Living Center.

"When families really succeed, they reflect a professional excellence in

their performance. I don't want to label them as lay people," Brasher has said. "Achieving it is a task of major proportions that requires a complex of disciplines, knowledge

Professional excellence is unique because of the values they hold, she said. "It's not just how they focus their information, but the values unique, shared by all members of true families."

## Clorox executive will discuss corporate

PROVO — Robert A. Bolingbroke, group vice president of The Clorox Co., a Fortune 500 manufacturer, will discuss "Growth and Diversification, the Continuing Company Challenge," in a lecture Thursday at Brigham Young University.

Bolingbroke's visit is sponsored by the BYU School of Management as part of its Executive Lecture Series. He will speak at 2 p.m. in Room 710, Tanner Building, and at 7 p.m. in Room 151. The public lecture is free.

As group vice president, Bolingbroke is responsible for staff services, which includes advertising, public affairs, marketing, human resources, industrial relations and business development.

Bolingbroke earned his bachelor's degree from Washington State University and his master's from Stanford University.

He began working at Clorox in 1962, rising from an entry-level advertising department to his present position.

## Sunset View PTA sets a fund-raising

PROVO — Dozens of artisans will gather for a display and sale of handmade items at the "Holly Days" Christmas Fair Saturday at Sunset View Elementary School, 525 S. 16th West.

Sunset View's PTA is sponsoring the fair to raise money for the school's activity and field trip fund. Food, baked goods and treats will be sold throughout the day during fair hours from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

PTA President Susan Jensen said nearly 50 people are involved, selling items to benefit the school.

Displays will include plants, woodwork and ideas, ceramic items, shirts and flower arrangements. The fair is free and open to all.

Santa Claus will be with children and families.

# Utah county movies

For complete reviews of each new movie, watch for Christopher Hicks' reviews in the Deseret News Today section. For mini-reviews of each film currently playing, see Hicks' "On the Screen" column in each Friday's Weekend section.

For your convenience, each movie listed below also carries Hicks' star rating. The key to his evaluations are: ★★★★★ — excellent; ★★★★ — good; ★★★ — fair; ★ — poor; and TURKEY.

The guide to the content rating assigned by the Classification and Rating Administration of the Motion Picture Association of America is: G — general audiences; PG — parental guidance; PG-13 — special guidance suggested for children under 13; and R — restricted, no one under 17 admitted without an adult.

### Provo

Paramount, 61 E. Center, 373-4145. "State of Emergency," ★★★, rated PG (adult themes), 7:15 and 9:15 p.m.

FOX, 233 W. 1230 North, 374-5525. "Something Wild," ★★★, rated R (violence, sex, nudity, profanity), 4:30, 7 and 9:45 p.m., Tuesday matinee at 2 p.m.